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Application of: Cartens, Carsten-Peter

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HIGH LEVEL EXPRESSION OF A
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN WITH POOR
CODON USAGE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2000, in the above-identified application.

Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

20. (Amended) The host cell of claim 16, which [has an Hte phenotype and] is EndA1 deficient, Lon deficient, OmpT deficient, and RecA positive.

35. (Amended) The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of [producing] inducing the expression of said protein of interest.